

# **State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Law Office of the Attorney General Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Office of the Attorney General**

## **Contribution to Department's Mission**

Article III, section 25, of the Alaska Constitution provides that the governor appoints the head of each principal department, including the attorney general, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and that the head of each principal department serves at the pleasure of the governor.

AS 44.23.010 names the attorney general as the principal executive officer of the Department of Law. In this role, he provides leadership and policy direction to the department in its comportsment of its mission to provide legal services to state government and to prosecute crime.

AS 44.23.020 states that the “attorney general is the legal advisor of the governor and other state officers.”

## **Core Services**

The Attorney General is the principal executive officer of the Alaska Department of Law. In this role he is responsible for both the legal and the administrative aspects of the department's operations. This component supports the Attorney General and his immediate staff as he carries out his statutorily defined functions.

The Attorney General serves as legal advisor for the governor and other state officers. In addition, the Attorney General is responsible for representing the state in all civil actions to which it is a party; prosecuting all cases involving violation of state law; administering state legal services, including furnishing written legal opinions and giving advice on laws or proposed legislation; drafting legal instruments for the state; and bringing, prosecuting, and defending all necessary actions in the name of the state for the collection of revenue. The Attorney General serves as a trustee on both the Permanent Fund Board and the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council. He is a member of the National Association of Attorneys General and serves on their executive committee, as on of their representatives to the Council on State Governments, and acts as their Supreme Court Liaison. He is also a member of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. He is co-chair of the Rural Justice Commission of Alaska along with the U.S. Attorney. He is chair of the Alaska-Alberta Bilateral Council and is a member of the Stranded Gas Act Negotiating team.

Core Services include:

Protect the interests of Alaska citizens and the resources of the state by ensuring that effective, high-quality legal services are provided to state agencies and officers.

Prosecute those who violate state laws.

Assist law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations by providing legal and tactical advice.

Enhance oversight of the department's Indian Law work.

Enhance oversight of the department's oil and gas work.

Reduce fraud in benefit programs.

Represent and defend the state in legal actions.

Implement the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Manage the department's resources effectively and efficiently to provide support for the work of the department's employees.

Participate actively in interdepartmental efforts to improve government services to Alaskans.

### FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2007 Component Budget: \$484,600**

**Personnel:**

Full time	3
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

### Key Component Challenges

See key component challenges at the Department level.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

See changes in results delivered at the department level.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Accomplishments are shown at the Department level.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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**Office of the Attorney General  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<b>FY2005 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2007 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	223.3	309.0	362.6
72000 Travel	57.9	20.6	20.6
73000 Services	170.7	116.1	80.5
74000 Commodities	8.3	10.9	10.9
75000 Capital Outlay	0.4	10.0	10.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>460.6</b>	<b>466.6</b>	<b>484.6</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	460.6	466.6	484.6
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>460.6</b>	<b>466.6</b>	<b>484.6</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>466.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>466.6</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	5.8	0.0	0.0	5.8
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	11.2	0.0	0.0	11.2
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
<b>FY2007 Governor</b>	<b>484.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>484.6</b>

**Office of the Attorney General  
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	3	3	Annual Salaries	244,462
Part-time	0	0	COLA	6,420
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	112,374
			Less 0.18% Vacancy Factor	(656)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>362,600</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Exec Secretary III	0	0	1	0	1
Spec Asst To The Comm II	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>